

Draft Meeting Minutes

Frederick County Sustainability Commission

Wednesday April 21, 2010

3:00 pm

3rd Floor Meeting Room, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD

Present: Don Briggs, Annmarie Creamer, Sally Fulmer, Lisa Gaver, Margie Lance, Rich Maranto, Will Morrow, Winifred Palmer, Kim Roberts, Fred Ugast, Janice Wiles, Steve Chafitz, Mark Lancaster. Staff: Hilari Varnadore, Lisa Orr, Fayne Lebherz

Others: Delegate Sue Hecht, Lew Sherman, Brigitte Fortin, David Borinsky, Ellis Burruss, Leah Crace-Jones, Christian May, Robert Black and Caroline Eader.

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chairman Don Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Administrative Items

Meeting Minutes: Margie made the motion to approve the March 17th minutes as submitted, Rich seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the meeting minutes.

3. Commission Member Comments

Will Morrow was welcomed as the new member replacing Lisa Orr. Annmarie handed out “A Citizen’s Guide to Waste Management in Frederick County” booklet. Lisa noted on May 4th would be the Leadership Frederick farm tour and invited the Commission to participate. Mark noted the work plan was presented to the County Commissioners on April 20th and congratulated the Commission on a job well done.

Delegate Sue Hecht gave the Commission a briefing on actions taken by the recent General Assembly. PACE amendments were not passed this session due to lobbying by the banking institutions which confused the issue and was pulled from consideration at the last minute. Also discussed were Solar Hot Water Heater Systems and House Bill HB 522.

Steve Chafitz presented a discussion on waste to energy facilities and what it takes to “feed” a facility per day. It was noted “going green” is not a fad. It was mentioned there will be a Waste Not Conference on May 1st.

4. Public Comments.

Dave Borinsky from Bridge Private Lending, LLC in Baltimore City discussed his project of rehabbing houses by green building practices, thereby saving greatly in utility bills.

Bob Black stated there is a good, safe food supply now and invited the Commission to his farm to observe their green practices.

5. Commission Member Nominations and Recommendations

Sally will not be seeking a second term. Annmarie and Mark's terms will expire this year. Staff noted that Annmarie and Mark had submitted documentation to Joyce Grossnickle requesting reappointment. Steve made a motion that the Commission submit a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners that Annmarie and Mark be reappointed to the commission for a second, full, three-year term. Fred seconded the motion. All voted in favor. It was also decided by the Commission that they would review the entire list of interested applicants to fill Sally's vacancy. The new term begins July 1, 2010.

6. Bylaws, Article V. Officers and Duties

Fred stated, as the bylaws stand now, the Vice Chair automatically moves into the Chair's position when the Chair steps down. He would like the Commission to look into this and perhaps amend the bylaws as it may not always be feasible for the Vice Chair to move into the Chair position.

7. Updates from the Sustainability Office

Hilari informed the Commission of the Earth Day Choose 5 Challenge noting there are prizes for the winners. The email newsletter will also be launched on April 25th. On June 7th the Office will attend Congressman Bartlett's Green Expo.

8. Sustainability Commission Work Plan

It was noted that the Board of County Commissioners expressed that they were pleased with the plan as it was presented to them. All five commissioners voted to accept the plan.

9. Adjourn

Margie made a motion to adjourn. Janice seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Minutes submitted by Hilari Varnadore